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January 4, 1983

Mr. James W. Godlove  
Director of Environmental Affairs  
White River Shale Oil Corporation  
Suite 500, Prudential Building  
115 South Main Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

RE: Tentative Approval for  
Acreage Expansion  
Request  
White River Shale Oil Corporation  
White River Shale Project  
ACT/047/017  
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Godlove:

On December 30, 1982 the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining accepted the staff's recommendation to grant tentative approval for White River Shale Oil Corporation's (WRSOC) revision to its mine plan as described in a November 19, 1982 letter containing a request for additional acreage. In doing so, the Division accepts the premise that a less restrictive work limit is necessary to accommodate the construction activities attendant to the first increment of Phase I.

The Division will publish this approval in the near future to solicit public comment. Provided no adverse public comment is received by this office, final approval will be forthcoming based upon written acceptance by WRSOC of the following conditions:

- 1) Any construction or developmental activity beyond those permitted by the Division's September 1, 1982 approval letter must be permitted according to the terms of the above referenced letter (see condition 1 requiring 60 days review time for permit modification).
- 2) WRSOC should submit a mechanism through which a survey (probably quarterly) would be performed for the purpose of providing better on-site control over the acreage disturbed, and giving the Division regular updates regarding the disturbed acreage.

This survey was discussed during a meeting at our office on November 19, 1982. A proposal to meet this objective should be submitted prior to any actual site disturbance.

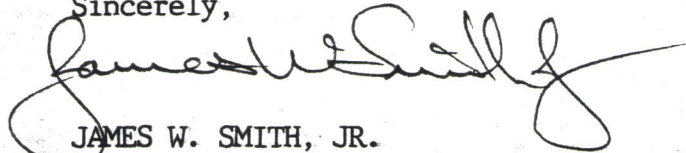
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The bonding figure proposed by WRSOC in its November 19, 1982 letter and our meeting of the same date is currently under review by the Division staff and there should be no problem in arriving at an acceptable figure within the 90 day time frame. In the way of an update, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy has approved a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which is currently being reviewed by the BLM for the purpose of eliminating double bonding. There appears to be a good possibility that this will be finalized before bonding for the acreage increase is required.

Sincerely,



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COORDINATOR  
MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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